Fire Safety Code

Board of Appeal & Review

Minutes of 11-16-04 meeting

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room C in the William Powers Administration Building at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, November 16, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman George Farrell.

Commissioners present were Farrell, Preiss, Newbrook, Burlingame, Coutu, Evans and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella.

The following appeals were heard:

Appeal #030408: Ms. Sloan Sherman and Richard Licht, Esq. for the property located at 486 Pawtucket Avenue, Pawtucket. Lt. Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant thirty days in which to produce certification to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office of a working sprinkler system in this facility from a licensed sprinkler contractor. The motion passed with Commissioner Filippi abstaining.

Appeal #040393: Mr. David Kirchner, Mr. Daniel Evangelista, and Mr. Vincent Catalano for the property located at 480 Metacom Avenue, Bristol. DSFM Joseph Spizzeri and Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. On a motion made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Evans, the Applicant was granted 120 days to repair the deficiencies listed in the State Fire Marshal's report. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040190: Mr. Angelo Rossi, Senator Frank Ciccone and Mr. Raymond Petrucci for the property located at 1877 Smith Street, North Providence. Marshal Kenneth Scandariato appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Coutu made a motion seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to grant the Applicant relief as follows. The present hood and duct system will be allowed to remain providing (1.) the owner will install a compliant fire alarm system. (2.) the tenant (Rossi's Cold Cuts) will provide within 120 days a compliant suppression system, remove combustibles around the metal duct work, maintain a contract to clean the ductwork, install sheet metal between the fryolater and the stove, and discontinue the use of the fryolater. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioner Preiss.

Appeal #040356: Ms. Seely Garraughty and Mr. David Garraughty for the property located at 75 Kingstown Road, Narragansett. Marshal Jonathan Smith appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's office. A variance was granted from the provisions of 26.2.2.1 provided that the Applicant provides a domestically supplied sprinkler system in the stairwell and egress passageway. The motion was made by Commissioner Burlingame, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook and was unanimous.

Appeal #040128: Mr. Mark Senna for the property located at 168 Roffee Street, Barrington (the Barrington Democratic Club). Chief Gerard Bessette appeared for the Barrington Fire Department. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion seconded by Commissioner Coutu to grant the Applicant a time variance until July 2006 to comply with the interior finish requirement unless a subsequent interpretation by the Board deemed compliance unnecessary. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #010145: Mr. Joseph Ricci for the property located at 725 Branch Avenue, Providence. Lt. Richard Silva and Lt. Steven Moise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office and the Providence Communications Division respectively. The Board determined that the Applicant shall present, within thirty days, documentation to the Providence Fire Marshal's office by alarm and sprinkler contractors named by the Providence Fire Marshal's office, that certifies that both the sprinkler and alarm systems are fully functional and properly engineered for the Applicant structure. Failure to produce the required documentation to the Providence Fire Marshal's office within the above mandated time frame will result in notice made to the State

Fire Marshal's office who will take appropriate action against the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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